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The Office Action of September 20, 2007 has been reviewed and its contents carefully noted. Reconsideration of this case, as amended, is earnestly requested. Claims 1-20 and 26 are pending in the application, claim 25 being cancelled by this amendment. Claims 21-24 were cancelled previously.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the Examiner's statement that claims 10-20 and 26 are allowed.

Rejection Under 35 USC § 103

Claim 25 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lanka (6,776,383) in view of Pitcairn (2,403,456).

Claim 25 is hereby cancelled. It is respectfully submitted that the rejection is thus overcome. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claim 25 are therefore respectfully requested.

Provisional Double Patenting Rejection

Claim 1 stands provisionally rejected for double patenting under 35 USC section 101 as conflicting with claim 1 of Application Ser. Nos. 11/115,782, 11/115,733, and 11/115,742.

On November 5, 2007, Applicant filed amendments canceling claim 1 in each of Application Ser. Nos. 11/115,782, 11/115,733, and 11/115,742. Evidence of the cancellation of these claims can be had by review of the Image File Wrappers for each of the cited applications. It is respectfully submitted that the rejection is thus overcome. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the provisional double patenting rejection of claim 1 under 35 USC section 101 are therefore respectfully requested.

Objection to Claims 2-9

Claims 2-9 were objected to as depending from a rejected base claim, however, the Examiner states that claims 2-9 would be allowable, if rewritten in independent form. Applicant respectfully disagrees with the rejection.

It is respectfully submitted that the objection is overcome by the amendments filed in Application Ser. Nos. 11/115,782, 11/115,733, and 11/115,742, canceling claim 1 in each of those applications. Because claim 1 should now be allowable in the present application, reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection to claims 2-9 are therefore respectfully requested.

Conclusion

Applicant believes the claims are patentable over the prior art, and that this case is in condition for allowance of all claims therein. Such action is thus respectfully requested. If the Examiner disagrees, or believes for any other reason that direct contact with Applicant's attorney would advance the prosecution of the case to finality, he is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

"Recognizing that Internet communications are not secured, I hereby authorize the PTO to communicate with me concerning any subject matter of this application by electronic mail. I understand that a copy of these communications will be made of record in the application file."

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